

Weston Super Mare Foodbank

Trustee Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 2019

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2019

Structure, Governance and Management

The Organisation is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity commission Reference Number 1177071 and is governed by a constitution dated 8th February 2018 and operates from North Street, Weston Super Mare BS23 1QF

Objectives and Activities

The Charity exists for the public benefit, the relief of financial hardship amongst people in need in North Somerset and the United Kingdom by providing food and training and strengthening and empowering individuals, families and communities

Achievements and Performance

Since the charity started operating independently of the "The Lighthouse at Weston", it has provided emergency food for just under 5,000 people, a third of which were children. 42,000kg of food has been distributed.

In addition to just providing food, the charity supports local families with the provision of a Christmas Party and in collaboration with a local caterer "Eat Well, Spend Less sessions" and visits to local schools, groups and churches

Food is donated by people via collection points in local supermarkets including Tesco, Asda and Bookers, who supplement the donations with their own financial gifts.

Weston Super Mare Foodbank was the Mayors charity of the year for 2018, which included the first Foodbank Charity Evening

The Charity received a visit from the BBC and hosted the debate on the October Budget (shown on Points West and Sunday Politics). The debate included representatives from Citizens Advice, Trussell Trust and a Private Finance Company

Financial Review

The organisation receives donations from individuals and organisations who support the work of the foodbank. The Foodbank has also received a grant from the North Somerset Council to support the work in the area.

During the year the charity had three part time employees, Manager, Assistant Manager and Book Keeper. The financial circumstances for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Accounts for the year have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, which does not necessarily represent the trading for the year as they include:

An initial gift was made from The Lighthouse at Weston of £12,115

North Somerset had paid the grant for the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 for £15,000 which would have been prepaid had this accounting treatment been utilised

The Organisation has cash reserves of £36,435 as at 31 March 2019, most of which is held in a Co-Op Bank Account

The Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy which requires 3 months of expenditure to be held in reserves. This will allow the Charity to continue to operate for a minimal period of time should giving reduce. The value of the reserves will be monitored on a regular basis in the light of current giving levels, items of expenditure, and annually as part of the budget process.

At the balance sheet date, the cash reserves of £36,435 which includes £15,000 to be spent during the following year, is above the required level.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the organisation to function effectively in the coming year.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provision of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Trustee

10 Oct. 2019

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Weston Super-Mare Foodbank Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Weston Super – Mare Foodbank Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Michael Nicholls FMAAT

Address 18 Seaview Road, Portishead BS20 8HL

Date

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<u>Receipts and Payments Accounts</u>					
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
<u>Receipts</u>					
General Donations	80512			80512	
Fund Raising Event	2438			2438	
				0	
Total Receipts	82950	0	0	82950	0
<u>Payments</u>					
Salaries, Ni Pension	24070			24070	
Premises Costs	9973			9973	
Vehicle Costs	6828			6828	
Fund Raising Event	1756			1756	
Admin and Other Costs	3888			3888	
				0	
Total Payments	46515	0	0	46515	0
<u>Net of Receipts and Payments</u>	36435	0	0	36435	0
<u>Cash Funds This Year End</u>	36435			36435	0

<u>Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period</u>			
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Cash Funds			
Co-op Bank Account	36196		
Pocket Card Account	204		
Petty Cash	35		
Total Cash Funds	36435	0	0

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